

REMARKS

The present application contains claims 1-85, the status of which is as follows:

- (a) Claims 5, 6, 8, 12, 14, 32-35, 39, 44, 49, 50, 52, and 53 are currently amended.
- (b) Claims 1-4, 7, 9-11, 13, 15-31, 36-38, 40-43, 45-48, 51, and 54-85 have been canceled without prejudice.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103

Claims 72-85 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,797,967 to KenKnight.

Claims 1-3, 7, 10-11, 13, 15, 45-47, 51, 55-58, 72-74, 76, 77, and 79-84 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,683,429 to Mehra.

Claims 30, 36-38, and 40-43 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,683,429 to Mehra in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,713,929 to Hess.

While not necessarily agreeing with these rejections, the Applicant has cancelled the rejected claims to bring about a speedy issuance of a patent including the claims that were found allowable. The Applicant reserves the right to prosecute some or all of the canceled claims in a daughter application, and to present arguments for the patentability of these claims in the daughter application.

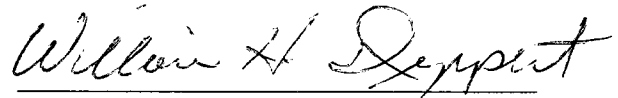
The Examiner deemed claims 5, 6, 8, 12, 14, 32-35, 39, 44, 49, 50, 52, and 53 to be allowable, but the claims were objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claims. Claims 5, 6, 8, 12, 14, 32-35, 39, 44, 49, 50, 52, and 53 are currently amended to incorporate the limitations of the canceled claims from which they depended. The remaining claims in this application are canceled without prejudice.

No new matter has been added.

The Applicant believes the amendments presented hereinabove to be fully responsive to all of the grounds of rejection and objection raised by the Examiner. In view of these amendments and remarks, the Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims in the present application are now in order for allowance. Notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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